

## J. L. GOSBEE



- 1888—Born at Gloucester, Mass.
- 1886—Started in school.
- 1891—Left school to go to work, family needed help.
- 1891-1896—Worked several places.
- 1896—Went in jewelry business at Manchester-By-the-Sea, Mass.
- 1899—Went to work for A. L. McMullin's 5 and 10c store as manager.
- 1908—Started with the S. S. Kresge Co., at Boston, Mass.

- 1908—Was sent to Springfield, Mass., in the fall to help open store.
- 1909—Sent to Kewanee, Ill., to manage and move store.
- 1910—Was taken sick at Kewanee; was given a rest until fall.
- 1910-1916—Sent to Waltham, Mass., to manage store.
- 1916—July 25th. sent to Lewiston, Me., to manage store.
- 1916-1920—At Lewiston, Me.

## R. L. WOLFE



- 1890—Disturbed my parents first, on the 25th day of June, trying to announce my arrival at Coldwater, Branch County, Mich.
- 1896—Entered public school at Coldwater, Mich.
- 1900—Earned my first "quarter" on my tenth birthday picking peas for a gardener.
- 1901—Position delivering papers after school.
- 1902—Joined Y. M. C. A. as its youngest member.
- 1904-1907—Worked for Mr. C. B. Pennock (a boy-hood chum of F. W. Woolworth's) in a variety store during hours not spent in school.
- 1907-1911—Employed at the Wise Department Store, (when not in school) taking charge of the queensware and house furnishing lines in 1908, doing the buying at night. Participated in all kinds of athletic games and sports. Confirmed in the St. Marks Episcopal Church. Sang in the choir. Traveled during summer vacation for a jewelry firm, returning to school and previous position in store that fall.
- 1911—Graduating from high school, accepted position with G. A. Seel Co., at Pekin, Ill., as interior decorator and haberdashery buyer.
- 1912—Managed a photo-play theatre in Battle Creek, Mich., and did some public singing. With a partner purchased the state-rights for feature films. Dec. 26, married to Miss Florence B. Haight, of Bronson, Mich.
- 1913—January 27, commenced work for the S. S. Kresge Co., at store No. 21.
- 1914—November 9, transferred to Detroit, as assistant manager, to help open store No. 123.
- 1915—January 5, promoted to Manager of store No. 13.
- 1916—March 29, little Cecil Marie came to dwell with us.
- 1916—June 1, promoted to District Superintendent of Stores.
- 1918—September 3, Howard Benson—Cecil Marie's new brother arrived.
- 1920—January 1, Manager store No. 61.